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SUBJ: LENINGRAD V-E DAY FUNCTIONS

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1. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION LAST NIGHT, I WAS SEATED NEXT TO EAST GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL HARTITZ AND ASKED HIM WHETHER IT WAS TRUE HE WAS PLANNING A RECEPTION IN CONNECTION WITH THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY DOINGS IN LENINGRAD. HE SAID HE WAS-- ON MAY 6--BUT THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO LINE UP A PLACE FOR IT YET--HIS CONSULATE WAS TOO SMALL. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE HAD EXPECTED TO HAVE IT AT THE HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP BUT NOW HE WAS TOLD THEY HAD NO KITCHEN FACILITIES AND THUS IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: THE HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP IN FACT HAS LARGE STAFF RESTAURANT SO ITS UNAVAILABILITY FOR LACK OF KITCHEN FACILITIES SEEMS CURIOUS. IT MAY BE SOVIETS FIND IDEA OF ANY GERMAN FESTIVITIES HERE AT THIS TIME A BIT AWKWARD.
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